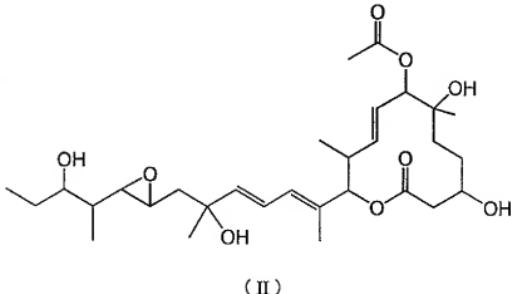
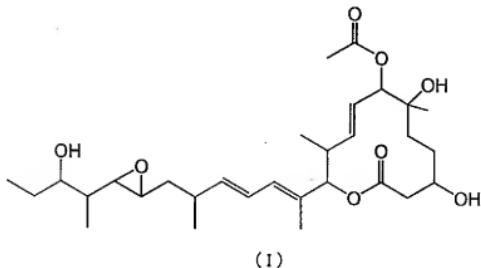


**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A method of producing the macrolide compound 11107D represented by the formula (II):



wherein the macrolide compound 11107D is produced from the macrolide compound 11107B represented by the formula (I):



by a biological transformation method, which comprises the following processes (A) to (C):

(A) a process of mixing the macrolide compound 11107B represented by the formula (I) with a strain having an ability of conducting the above-mentioned biological transformation method and belonging to the genus Mortierella, the genus Streptomyces or the family Micromonosporaceae or a preparation of its cultured mycelia;

(B) a process of incubating the mixture obtained in the step (A); and

(C) a process of collecting the macrolide compound 11107D represented by the formula (II) from the incubated solution obtained in the step (B).

2. (Withdrawn) The production method according to claim 1, wherein the strain belonging to the genus Mortierella is Mortierella sp. F-1529 strain (FERM BP-8547) or F-1530 strain (FERM BP-8548).

3. (Original) The production method according to claim 1, wherein the strain belonging to the genus Streptomyces is Streptomyces sp. AB-1704 strain (FERM BP-8551), A-1544 strain (FERM BP-8446) or A-1545 strain (FERM BP-8447).

4. (Withdrawn) The production method according to claim 1, wherein the strain belonging to the family Micromonosporaceae is AB-1896 strain (FERM BP-8550).

5. (Currently Amended) An isolated or purified culture of Streptomyces sp. AB-1704 strain (FERM BP-8551) having the ability of transforming the macrolide compound 11107B

represented by the above formula (I) into the macrolide compound 11107D represented by the above formula (II).

6. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) An isolated or purified culture of Mortierella sp. F-1529 strain (FERM BP-8547) or F-1530 strain (FERM BP-8548) having the ability of transforming the macrolide compound 11107B represented by the above formula (I) into the macrolide compound 11107D represented by the above formula (II).

7. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) An isolated or purified culture of AB-1896 strain (FERM BP-8550) having the ability of transforming the macrolide compound 11107B represented by the above formula (I) into the macrolide compound 11107D represented by the above formula (II).